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Honorable Bella S. Abzug, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Government Information and
Individual Rights
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

This is in regard to your letter of 4 June 1976, expressing concern as to our letter to the Senate leadership requesting confirmation of our expressed intention to resume destruction of Agency documents.

We have extended the moratorium for six months, to expire on 10 December 1976, as requested by the Senate leadership. Prior to the destruction of any records, we shall transmit to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence copies of the record schedules which are submitted to the National Archives and Record Service for their approval prior to the destruction of any records. The same will be done with respect to those routine administrative records which, although not involved under S. Res. 21, were withheld from routine destruction during the life of that Resolution.

My letter to the Senate leadership was only a preliminary step to destruction to determine if there is further congressional interest. I wish to make clear that it was never my intention to destroy any documents still subject to Justice Department investigation or relevant to litigation.

I trust that this arrangement satisfies your concerns.

Sincerely,

for George Bush

George Bush

Director

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